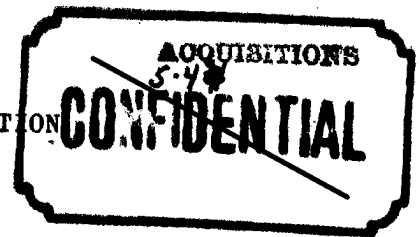


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Dear Mr. Moriarty:

Herewith I am sending to you for your criticism two copies of a PROVISIONAL CLASSIFICATION SUMMARY FOR THE MASTER CUMULATIVE FILE OF THE SUBJECT INDEXING SECTION. This Classification scheme is a hybrid that owes more to the Dewey Decimal Classification than to any other one system. The enclosed Classification is designed to classify intelligence on a given country or geographic area; it was not intended that colonies should be included with the mother country. Not all of the headings apply to every country. "422.33 - Cable landings" would have no use under Hungary. The Classification is not expanded except for "440 - Communication and Transportation Facilities" which was expanded to give you an indication as to how the Classification can be elaborated.

Some intelligence other than geographic is intended to go into the 400 section. The economic intelligence such as "output" will be for individual plants and will be source material. Secondary economic intelligence will be entered elsewhere.

The 500's or Natural Science section will not be listed geographically because of the international character of pure scientific information.

One of the major problems which should be decided soon is whether economic intelligence relative to a single applied science should go into the 700 section or the 600 section. Either procedure can be followed.

I hope that this letter and the enclosure will reach you in time for you to be able to criticize the Classification thoroughly before the meeting on Friday. It is printed on one side of the sheet so that you can note your criticisms on the blank page opposite. If you could turn over to me for my guidance your annotated copy after the meeting, I would be most grateful to you.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick G. Kilgour

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